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United States House of Representatives
Committee on Natural Resources
Washington, DC 20515

Greetings Members of the House Committee on Natural Resources,

Earlier this year, the Montana Legislature passed historic updates to the Montana Environmental Policy Act. We encourage Congress to follow this example.

On behalf of the Montana Chamber of Commerce, I respectfully urge you to vote “yes” on the Standardizing Permitting and Expediting Economic Development Act, or SPEED Act, when it is brought before this Committee for markup. The Montana Chamber applauds the bipartisan efforts in this legislation to advance critical permitting reforms so manufacturers can build in America and compete across the globe.

The Montana Chamber has long advocated for reforms to NEPA to cut red tape and enable government and private parties to move forward with projects our country needs. America needs clarity and guardrails to invest and grow in America, all while maintaining public input and safeguarding our environment.

The SPEED Act provides this clarity by aligning statute with Supreme Court precedent, providing permitting certainty between administrations, codifying much-needed reforms to the judicial review process, and clarifying that NEPA is a procedural statute whose intent can be satisfied by other federal environmental permitting statutes. These reforms will make it easier and more cost-efficient for Montana companies to get shovels in the ground on job-creating projects—and, as a result, this bill will strengthen manufacturing in America.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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